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cause of Number of

Absentees.

ting Question Before Peo-

ple for Decision.

Special Despatch to THE SEX.

to submit the dry amendment to the

On the eve of the vote the dry leaders

Lack Seven or Eight Votes.

dry leaders it is believed generally that some of the votes fo-morrow may prove

a surprise and that the resolution will

favor prohibition are tired of having the question hang over their heads, and they realize that sooner or later they

will have to vote on the proposed amendment, so many of them are in favor of getting it out of the way at

his time, when it is as far as possible from an election or a general primary.

The prohibition resolution was adopted August 1 last by the Senate by

a vote of 55 to 20. Action by the States—three-fourths of which must approve before the amendment becomes effective

is required in seven years by the House resolution and six years under the Senate resolution.

If the House acts to-morrow the dif-

ference must be adjusted in conference and the conference report adopted by both bodies before the resolution is sub-

Sinking of Pilot Craft Due to

Submarine Defence.

An ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 18.—Rammed by the Merchants and Miners' steamship Berkshire, the Maryland pilot boat Pilot was sunk near here this afternoon. The

The Berkshire was comparatively un

injured by the accident. It is said the Pilot was hidden from the view of the

AUSTRIAN LOAN \$1,600,000,000.

Seventh Issue Since War's Out

VIENNA (via Amsterdam), Dec.

break Now Subscribed.

According to provisional estimates 5,501,-000,000 kronen (approximately \$1,600 -000,000 under normal exchange) has

seen subscribed to the seventh Austrian

Herkshire by a fog.

IS HIT BY LINER

HELD IN NET. BOAT

mitted to the States.

States for ratification.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 .- The House at

o'clock to-morrow afternoon will be-

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MEANS FREE OF CHARGE HE SHOT BENEFACTRESS

Jury After Night's Sleep Finds Him Not Guilty of Mrs. King's Death.

He Soon Appears on Streets to Receive Congratulations of His Friends.

Special Despatch to THE SUN. Concomp, N. C., Dec. 16 .- Gaston B. Means walked out of the Cabarrus court house to-day a free man. after having been in jail since the latter two non-commissioned officers, are: murdering Mrs. Maude A. King of 1155 Park avenue, New York, his employer and benefactress. The jury which tried Means returned a verdict after having his case for fifteen hours and twenty-two minutes. Part of that time was spent

of it in sleep. It is believed the jury reached a verdiet last night after but two or three ballots. It was 10 o'clock when J. Frank Goodman, who had been elected foreman, sent for Sheriff Caldwell and informed him that the Jurymen were tired and

eating two meals and about ten hours

intended to go to bed.

Nothing further was heard from the jury until after they had been given their breakfasts at about 8 o'clock this morning. At a little before 10 o'clock this merning the Sheriff sent for Judge Cline and said the jury had age. and said the jury had agreed. The sepultolled and Concord knew that s" judges had agreed. There were comparatively few persons in the court room when the Sheriff led in the de-fendant and Judge Cline took his seat on the bench. Means was attended by his father, Col. William 6. Means, and by his wife, who never left his side during the eighteen days of the trial.

Wife Sobs Audibly.

The only lawyers at the counsel table of the defence were Frank I. Osborne and Lee J. Crowell of the eight men who had served Means. State Solicitor Clement was alone at the prosecution's table. The jurors filed in noisily and Means positively beamed on them. His wife was sobbing audibly when Judge Cline instructed the Sheriff to watch closely

for any disorder.

"There must be no demonstration of approval or disapproval," the court said. "Any one guilty of transgressing this rule will be punished at once for contempt of court."

The court clerk asked whether or not the jurore had selected a foreman and the twelve men chorused; "We have. J. Frank Goodhan will be our spokesman."

Gentlemen, have you agreed upon a verdict" droned the clerk.

a deep bass voice.
"How say you, is the defendant guilty or not guilty."

"Not guilty."
"And so say you all?" his name was called. Mrs. Means was

jury "We thank you." Leaves Court at Once.

Solicitor Clement then informed the court that there was no other charge against Means and moved that he be discharged from custody. Judge Cline who is 74.

"We don't believe anything serious has some of the absent wet members are easier to the absent wet members are easier to Jennie; his son, Leo, 16 years old; and nearer to Washington than some of the absent wet members are easier to reach and nearer to Washington than some of the absent wet members are easier to reach and nearer to Washington than some of the solicitor clement with the absent wet members are easier to reach and nearer to Washington than some of the view members are easier to reach and nearer to Washington than some of the absent wet members are easier to reach and nearer to Washington than some of the absent wet members are easier to reach and nearer to Washington than some of the absent wet members are easier to reach and nearer to Washington than some of the absent wet members are easier to reach and nearer to Washington than some of the absent wet members are easier to reach and nearer to Washington than some of the absent wet members.

Despite this sudden pessimism of the work of the absent wet members are easier to reach and nearer to Washington than some of the absent wet members. to the home of his brother. Brandon W. Means, where his elderly mother awaited price of the verdict. Then he went to bis home. In a half hour, however, he was on the street receiving the congratulations of his friends. He maintained throughout the same remarkable.

"My husband," said Mrs. Upton, tell-labed throughout the same remarkable. learn to write the truth here- pened to him." Means said to him.

to Means's next move. His friends from probating what purports to be oman's husband. Under the terms of the alleged will Mrs. King would have theirited about \$4,000,000. Mrs. Mazie Melvin, Mrs. King's sister, is executable of her estate under a will made months before her death. Mrs. Bit by bit the reporter learned the history of the policeman-soldier-father that

woman was the target for a

SHIP BUILT IN SEVEN MONTHS. This includes Erection of the Plant

Attleboro Man"Injured at French

Charles J. Biddle of Andalusia, Pa., ed Phelps Collins of Detroit, Mich., oth members of the Lafayette Flying Squadron, each brought down a German machine last week.

PERSHING NAMES 15 **NEW YORK ENGINEERS** MISSING SINCE BATTLE

Seventeen Men in His List, All From This Vicinity, Except Two, Fought Germans Nov. 30 South of Cambrai.

Special Despatch to THE SUN. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.-Gen. Pershing to-day reported to the War FEW HEAR THE VERDICT Department the names of seventeen additional men of the United States Engineer Corps, of whom all except two hall from New York and vicinity. who have been missing since November 30, when they became involved in the fighting near Gouzeaucourt, south of Cambrai.

The Americans were building a supply railroad to the new British front when the German counter attack was delivered. The British were driven back, the Germans sweeping over their lines, and it is believed the missing men were captured.

A little later the British came back in their counter attack and many of the Americans, who had taken shelter in shell pits when the German drive occurred, joined the British, picking up what weapons they could find and in some cases using only their bare fists, in driving the Germans back to their own ground. They were highly commended by Field Marshal Haig and other commanders for their gallantry in this action.

The missing men, all privates except ...

September, on the charge of ANDREWS, HAROLD T., Frank Bradford, uncle, Union Montreal Building.

Portland, Me.

Portland, Me.

BROOKS, FRANKI Mrs. D. Warshopsky, sister, 949 Fox street, New York DINA, MICHAEL; James Dina, father,

DINA, MICHAEL; James Dina, father,
147 East Fourth street, New York city.
GEOGHEGAN, CHARLES A.; Mrs.
Michael Geoghegan, mother, 511 West
185th street, New York city.
GOLDWETTER, SOLOMON; Miss Rose
Peristein, friend, 62 East 119th street,
New York city.
LALTY, JOHN; Michael Lalty, father.
Golden Bridge, Westchester county
N, Y. Dry Leaders Pessimistic Be-

father, 101 North Stevens avenue, WETS father, 101 North Stevens avenue, South Amboy, N. J. HANEY, TLRICH N.; John N. Maney, father, 1793 Amsterdam avenue, New Many Opponents Favor Put-

York city.
MASON, HARRY J.; Mrs. O. Mason, mother, 357 Eighth street, Jersey City,

McGrath, ALPHONSO J.; Timothy McGrath, next of kin, 1165 Boylston street, Chestnut Hill, Mass. RANLET, DALTON; D. M. Ranlet, fa-ther, 115 Forty-fourth street, Corona, L. I.

SEAMAN, GEORGE H. J.; Mrs. Anna Seaman, mother, 1032 Emerald street, Woodhaven, L. I. ... ment to the Constitution and before ad-J. E. Swenson, mother, 366 Wadsworth avenue, New York city.

TINGO, PETER J.; Mrs. Anthony Tingon the Congress to submit the dry amendment to the States for ratification.

go, mother, 2419 Arthur avenue, New York city. UELTZ, HERBERT F.; Mrs. A. Kari, mother, 78 Union street, Newark, N. J. UPTON, PRANK, Corporal; Mrs. Jane Upton, wife, 411 West Twenty-fourth street, New York city.

VAN DE MARK, MYRON; Mrs. A. R. "wet" Representation to morrow and their from the session to-morrow and their

street, New York city.

AN DE MARK, MYRON; Mrs. A. R. "wet" Representatives will be absent Yan de Mark, mother, New Palts, from the session to-morrow and their

RELATIVES TELL OF 17 MISSING HEROES

The main hope of the prohibition forces has been founded on the vote by which the sale of liquor was forbidden in the District of Columbia. On that vote, with a great many Representatives absent, one was lacking of a two A little girl of 12 years opened the thirds majority. Prohibition leaders door of an apartment at 254 West point to the fact that this was a straight which?" droned the clerk.
"We have," Goodman responded with Twenty-second street last night in response to a call of a Sun reporter who was there to learn something of the which they regard as nothing more than not guilty." history of Private Francis Joseph Unton of the First Reserve Engineer Corps, re-Each juror then voted not guilty as ported as missings by Gen. Pershing. "I am Frances Upton," she said by the dry leaders to-night indicated that

my father."

The reporter seated himself in a family group consisting of Upton's wife.

fained throughout the same remarkable ing a piece of news that THE SUN re-demeanor which has based even his own porter hadn't known, "was the first man His only approach to hitter-on the New York police force to join the celors, and ha was such a brave man, forth Carolina newspaper reporter who and such a kind, loving father that we cought to congratulate him. "I hope can't think that anything has really hap-

"As Brave a Lad as Lived."

"I am sure, too," said the soldier's ser he will seek reprisals on certain father, who was holding Frances on his knee, "that Frank will turn up some-where. He was as brave a lad as lived and lucky. And I don't think his luck

been in court every day, to Means, and has been could want in this world to serve his

flag. Upion, it seemed, was born in Limr attack by John T. Dooling, Assist-District Attorney of New York, in a boy he studied all the time and could Speak six languages, among them being German, French and Yiddish. He joined

This includes Erection of the Plant in Los Angeles.

Washington, Dec. 16.—A telegram to the Saipping Hoard to-day told of the shunching at Los Angeles of the first steel merchant ship contracted for by the Emergency Fleet Corporation. The the Emergency Fleet Corporation. The the fight that followed both fell to the shuth hap burglar at 15 Abingdon Square, and in Turning out the vessel within seven though the dot to be constructed after the contract was let was halled by Shipping Board officials as demonstrating what American industry can do in an emergency. One vessel contracted for by the Seattle which has been in operation for many years.

BURLIER BREAKS LEGS IN FAIL.

self by deeds of daring and exhibitions of unfinited courage.

Known as "the Midget Cop."

Although of smail stature, so that he was such near here this morning and was held fast all day. She still was in the net when the Berkshire the cop."

Although of smail stature, so that he was such near here this afternoon. The was caught in a submarine net this morning and was held fast all day. She still was in the net when the Berkshire the cop."

Although of smail stature, so that he was been the Midget Cop."

Although of smail stature, so that he was halled for the Midget Cop."

Although of smail stature, so that he was very musucular, as several denizens of the Gas House district, where he was stationed.

At one tithe he grappled with a burglar at 15 Abingdon Square, and in the fight that followed both fell to the sidewalk from a fire escape. Upton the fight that followed both fell to the sidewalk from a fire escape. Upton the fight that followed between the sidewalk from a fire escape.

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FLIER BREAKS LEGS IN FAIL. but told them not to be frightened as Baltimore on board steamships they are he was sure he would get through all right. His father laughed when he told how "Frank" had run away when he was 15 years old and joined the mayy.

A visition School.

Paris, Saturday, Dec. 15.—Lee Benoit, an aviator of Attleboro, Mass., fell with this machine on Thursday while making a flight over the grounds at a French aviation school. Benoit's legs were aviation school. Benoit's legs were aviation school. Benoit's legs were hooken. He was taken to a hospital, Manhattan Trade School for Girls for designing.

At the home of Charles A. Geoghegas at 511 West 185th street, who was at-

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AND THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TO

ARMISTICE BY **BOLSHEVIKI IN** EFFECT TO-DAY

Both Berlin and Petrograd Proclaim Immediate Negotiations for Peace.

Action Makes Her Liable to Treatment as Enemy by Entente Allies.

LONDON, Dec. 16. Formal announce- DISTRESS TO DECIDE WAR ment is made to-day by Berlin that an armistice has been signed between Ruse the agreement specifies that peace nego, tiations are to begin immediately. Russia thereby violates her written treaty with the Ailies not to make a separate peace and lays herself open to the possibility of treatment by them as an The Berlin official statement

An armistice agreement was signed at Brest-Litowsk yesterday by plen-ipotentiary representatives of the Russian upper army administration on the one hand and those of the upper army administrations of Ger-many. Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey on the other hand. The armistice begins at mon De-

The armistice begins at noon De-cember 17 and remains in force until January 14, 1918. Unless seven days notice is given it continues in force automatically. It extends to all the land, air and naval forces of the commen fronts.

According to clause 9 of the treaty

peace negotiations are to begin imme-diately after the signing of an ar-

Version of Bolsheviki.

An announcement was made in Petro-ad differing somewhat in detail. Petrograd is elient on signing the armistice. but says the agreement was reached Fri-day. Berlin mentions Saturday. The Russian statement limits the agreement to January 12, the German statement says it begins to-morrow and ends Jan-uary 14, but renews itself automatically, Following is the Russian report:

The Russian delegates constituting the armistice committee at Brest-Litovsk have advised the Bolshevik authorities at the Smolny Institute that an agreement was reached with the Germans on Friday concerning the transfer of troops. It was to this effect:

Both sides signing this agreement bind themselves until January 12, 1914, not to carry on operative military transfers on the front from the Baltic to the Black Sen, except such transfers as were already begun up to the mo-ment of signing this agreement.

Leon Trotzky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, declared at a meeting of the Petrograd Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates last night that peace negotiations would be begun immediately after the armistice had been signed. The Foreign Minister announced that for a time a break in the negotia-tions seemed imminent because Gen. Hofmann (von Hofmetster), the German negotiator, insisted on the right to

It will be noted that in the prohibition U-boat affairs, which heretofore have of the movement of troops which covers the entire Russian front such transfers as were already begun when the agree ment was signed are expressly excluded. This excludes practically all the shift-ing of troops to the western front, as that movement of about 500,000 troops Forego Luxury During War. was begun more than a week ago other words, the prohibition is the film-siest kind of pretext and does not prevent the transfer of a single regiment from the Russian to the French front.

Krylenko Suspenda Operations.

A Russian Government wireless message received here says: Ensign Krylenko (Commander in Chief of the army) in a proclamation addressed to all the army commands revolutionary committees, announces that in consequence of the signing of the armistice, which hegins De-cember 17, "I propose, until receiving

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Two Big Attractions for Smoke Fund To-night

MUSIC lovers will swarm in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf to-night for the Christmas concert arranged for THE SUN Tobacco Fund. Rudolph Ganz, pianist, and May Peterson and Mme. Clara Clemens, vocalists, are the solo artists, and the Rubinstein Choral will sing several selections. It's a stellar programme, and all for the soldier

Seekers after fun will go, meanwhile, to the Thirty-ninth Street Theatre, for a share night's performance of "What's Your Husband Doing?" is to come to the fund. This is George V. Hobart's farce of a thousand laughs and the capable company will make it more mirthful than ever on this occasion.

Details of these and many other attractions will be found on page 5. After you have rea paper arrange to go to Lou Freedman's haberdashery, 1606 Broadway, and buy Christmas gifts and help the fund at the same time. Then go to one of the Schulte or United cigar stores and do the same thing over again.

WARNING! THE SUN TO-BACCO FUND has no connection with any other fund, organization agents or solicitors.

COALFAMINERELIEF PROMISED TO-DAY; GARFIELD AND ROADS SHIFT BLAME; ANOTHER SNOWSTORM IS FORECAST

TIRPITZ ADMITS CURTAIL POWER

or Renunciation Possible for Germany, He Says.

sia and Germany and that a clause in Evacuation of Calais Zeebrugge and Ostend.

many would give up Zeebrugge and Os-tend if the British evacuated Calais, Von

screen behind which the question of Flanders might be permitted to disap-"The pretext that we cannot coerce Great Britain and America fails to the ground when we consider the growing scarcily of the cargo space of our ruthless arch enemy. The time for final decision will come when real distress begins to take the place of merely threat-

German people what it intended to communicate to Great Britain.

Attacking secret diplomacy, the paper suggests that both Governments are afruid to take the initiative lest it be considered a sign of hidden weakness.

"When will it be realized," the paper asks, "that it is a great honor, instead of a diagrace, to strive with the enemy for a means for reconciliation with free-

dom and self-respect to end this insane human slaughter?

The Frankfurter Zeitung says:

"Balfour did not say whether Britain was still willing to discuss the question, but there is no apparent reason why there should be a change. It is worth something that Britain formally declares her readiness for such discus-

BUREAU FOR U-BOATS.

Russian formula.

"We can't and won't aid militarism in any way," M. Trotzky said. "This question of transferring troops was most fundamental. I think our formula is considered by our allies to be satisfactory."

London, Dec. 18.—An imperial decree prescribing for the duration of the war the formation of the new section in the German Imperial Navy Department to be called the U-boat according to an Amsterdam department deals solely with

of the Navy Department

FRICK GIVES UP PRIVATE CAR.

Special Despatch to THE Sex. Washington, Dec. 16.—Railroads, in response to a suggestion of the war board, are endeavoring to get their wealthy patrons to forego the use of their private cars. There are several hundred of such cars owned by individ-uals who pay eighteen fares a car to travel over the roads in privacy. These are in addition to official cars used by officers of the systems.

One of the first private car owners to

GERMANY'S FORCES

respond to the suggestion is Henry

French Writer Says 2,000,000 Are on Western Front.

Special Cable Despotch to Tun Sex

Copyright, 1917, all rights reserved. Paris, Dec. 16.—A military writer in the Echo de Paris, who is conservative in his observations, estimates that Germany now has more than 6,500,000 men the different fronts and in reserve He divides them as follows: French and British front, 2,000,000; Russo-Rumanian front, 1,000,000; Italian front, serve and guardens of communication, in time the other routes for the delivery of coal unautral frontiers, on lines of communication, in coal into this territory remain open and coal into this territor He estimates the Austrian forces as he i been distributed the temporary em-follows: On the Russian front thirty- bargo will be lifted."

by weetbound traffic stalled by tangle conditions at Pittsburg. Agents of the three divisions, Italian front forty-five Balkans three. Of the German forces on the Franco-British front he says that 100 divisions faced the French and fifty-one opposed the British until the recent fighting at Cambrai when a large number of men were moved hastily to reence the German units broken up by the British attack. These smashed divisions were replaced by fresh troops so that

mately 125 cars of fuel, made up from Sandusky and Ashtabula, Ohlo, and the coming of a third heavily coal laden owing to losses and the German method of replacing wastage, these di-visions are each formed of not more than three regiments of infantry of two or vessel from an Ohio point the coal crisis confronting this city, which had already closed down hundreds of manufactories working on war orders and thrown out of employement many thou-sands of workmen, was broken. School officials worked throughout the three battalions, with artillery, engineers and other service troops. The German division now comprises not more than

December 7. Boyle's next of kin, Mrs. Margaret Boyle, lives at Luzerne, Pa.

No Peace Based on Quo Ante Plants Manufacturing Non-Essentials to Be Shut

Necessary Concerns to Get

Current.

Special Despatch to THE SUN

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 16.-Plants in

Mr. Bulkley came to Pittsburg a week

ago from Washington to seek a solution of the power problem, which was mak-ing Pittsburg unfit for the reception of

Munitions plants will be given every privilege and no further curtailment of

BALTIMORE CARS COLD.

United Railways Cut Lights Also

to Conserve Fuel.

Special Despatch to THE BCH

cars to-morrow, put into effect drastic cuts in the usual Sunday schedules on all lines. In addition, all heat was taken

EMBARGO ON COAL.

to Help Distribution.

CLEVELAND GETS COAL. .

CLEVELAND, Dec. 16 .- With the arrival

their operation will be permitted.

Industry in Pittsburg u

FEDERAL ORDER ISSUED

war orders.

Equivalent for Giving Up

ANSTREDAM. Dec. 16—The German papers contain length; accounts of the speech of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz before the Hamburg branch of the Fatherland party in which the Admiral said:
"Up to the present in this war Great Bettele Pittsburg manufacturing non-essential will have to bear the entire burden of the power shortage in the Pittsburg district, under an order issued by Robert Britain has won rather than lost. Peace based on the status quo ante or on re-nunciation, therefore, is out of the ques-tion for Germany." J. Bulkley on the authority of the Priorities Hoard at Washington. The Duquesne Light Company was ordered to cease immediately its zone rotary sys-With reference to the rumor that Gertem of curtailing power, and a further order was made which will assure a plentiful supply of power for the com-plete operation of the street railway system even at the sacrifice of other industries.

Mr. Buikley came to Pittaburg a week

The evacuation of Calais would never be equivalent to the loss of such first class security. Moreover, the Channel tunnel will become a fact after the war. real security we should have, besides Flanders and Antwerp, Calais and Boulogne. The rumor in question is a screen behind which the question of

Every electric power was weighed in the scale of its direct usefulness to the Govern-ment. Under the new order the arrangement will go into effect as soon as it is possible to get a telegram out of Washington designating the concerns which are making "non-essentials." A list has already been compiled. The proening distress. That time will come. It is only a question of keeping cool." Vorwaerts, the Berlin Socialist organ. cedure will be merely to forward this list to the power companies here and de-pend upon them to cut off electricity from these concerns. The lists may be revised from time to time.

commenting on the alleged attempt to open preliminary peace discussions be-tween Great Britain and Germany, de-mands that the Government tell the

clares her readiness for such discus-

LONDON, Dec. 16 .- An imperial decree The new department deals solely with

management that his car will be laid up for the rest of the war. NOW 6,500,000 MEN

low Germany has 154 divisions on the

day to obtain fuel for the city schools and announced to-night that enough coal had been obtained to open every building 12,000 or 13,000 men.

Lieut. Boyle Wounded.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Gen. Pershing To-morrow morning.
To-morrow the city coal committee will meet to arrange for the distribution First Lieut. H. C. Boyle, Medical Officers to domestic consumers of an additional Reserve Corps, attached to the British 16,000 tons of coal from several lake forces, was severely wounded in action boats which have been unable to proceed to northern ports because of the

BRITAIN AHEAD, PITTSBURG WILL Fuel Shortage Crisis at an End Unless Another Blizzard Comes, Say Officials and Railroad Men

THOUSANDS OF TONS DUE TO-DAY

Only Munition and Other Administration's Promise to Divert One Day's Shipment Weekly Thought to Have Failed in Accomplishment - Subordinates Were in Charge of City's Needs

> Lack of coal for New York is a problem here this morning such as the city has never had to ponder hitherto. While the crisis is said to have been passed with the announcement that there is plenty of anthracite in New Jersey available for immediate delivery in Manhattan and the other boroughs of the greater city, it is, nevertheless, a fact that the snow blockade is a tremendous bar to prompt deliveries.

> Coupled with the present difficulties of transportation comes a forecast from the Weather Bureau of another snowstorm and continued cold weather.

> Coal Administrator Garfield in Washington amfounced last night that New York would be safeguarded against a famine, but it is recalled that he made the same announcement three weeks ago. At that time he said that one day's shipment from the anthracite regions would be diverted for New York each week. A despatch from Washington announces a shifting of blame between the Fuel Administra-

> tion and the railroads. A marked evidence of the lack of fuel locally was the absence of white lights on Broadway last night. For the first time in years the city street lamps were visible. It was the first of the city's "lightless nights." Thursday night

> will be the next. Most significant, in view of the fact that the shortage of coal here has been ascribed to its diversion to other cities. is the announcement from numerous points throughout the country that the shortage is as acute there as in New York

BALTIMORE, Dec. 16.—The United Railways, in order to insure a sufficient supply of coal for the operation of enough KEEP AGREEMENT

The reductions in service amounted high as 50 per cent, on some lines and down to 30 per cent, on those lines that one day's output from the anthrawhich touch only city points and on which the traffic even on Sunday is very cent all about New York. nted to as New Yorkers find themselves. The bins at the United power houses that the bins at the United power houses got all about New York the enough coal because of to-day's reductions and owing to the receipt of an additional amount to-day to insure the lems of the West and Northwest long

operation of the cars to-morrow on prac- enough to ask whether the railways and operation of the cars to-morrow on practically the same schedules on which they mines were obeying his orders for the were operated during the last three days.

While coal has been promised for Tuesday's operation there is nothing situation in New York was critical, but definite in sight, and the United officials said that from reports he had received say they will just have to keep on curterly the believed it was being relieved and tailing service and saving fuel until that the shortage would be far less acute.

some definite assurance is given that sufficient coal to keep the cars running as they were before the coal shortage because will be forthcoming. Tonight the street lights on one of the Washington officials were not living up day's output of the anthracite cach week, sent a representative to Washington, Albert H. Wiggin, the New York fuel administrator, also talked & M. Puts Bars Up Temporarily York with Dr. Garfield by telephone.

C. Boston, Dec. 16. The Boston and As a result the fuel administration rebecause of severe weather conditions and the unusually heavy movement of east-bound freight the road has been obliged to add, commercial coal to the articles covered by its recently placed embargo against castbound freight in carload lots. "This embargo is only temporary," the announcement said. "There are more met. because of severe weather conditions and

"This embargo is only temporary," the announcement said. "There are more than 700 cars of such coal at the western yards of the Boston and Maine, while between the mines and destination there are fully 2,000 cars of coal in transit to New England via and on the Boston and Maine.

"The extreme cold and snow have worked together to slow down the hap-" no one in the Fuel Administration seemed. worked together to slaw down the han- no one in the Fuel Administration seemed dling of all rail movements and in order to have data on the amount of coal in that the coal now on the way to New transit to or due in New York. The re-England may not be further delayed plica of his assistants appeared wholly through the avoidable tying up of cars to satisfy Dr. Garfield, and he has never Rumanian front, 1,000,000; Italian front, 100,000; Balkan front, 20,000; in reloading for the Boston and Maine's handless and have Jersey lines were serve and guarding the Swiss and Dutch

conditions at l'ittshurg. Agents of the Fuel Administration were despatched to Pittsburg and to south central and Ohio centres with instructions to abrogate coal routings and get shipments moving. Reports received here, according to 1 here to-day from Lorain of two boats Garfield's office, show that Pennsylvania

carrying thousands of tons of coal after a battle through the ice, together with the arrival of two coal trains of approxi-Rely I'pon Freight Programme. The new freight programme of the Railroad War Board, effective in the las week and by which through trains are being sent out without stop for reclassi-fication, is one of the chief measures upon which the Fuel Administration detraffic tangles. It has not been easy for railroads and shippers to change almost over night the routes by which coal has reached consumers. Lesser railroad ex-

that the railroads, because of the com-plexity of their organizations, have not been clastic enough in administration to

NEW YORK TO-DAY That patient old soul Pa Knicker-From the cars and at night as many lights as could be turned out on the cars and attil leave enough illumination for the passengers to count their change and on lines leading to New York, with a his upturned coat collar and blew upon the conductors to see the transfers were resultant blockade of coni ordered sent his stiffened fingers, but he was warm-Officials stated that the cuts were to Eastern centres, was put forward tomade on every line with a view to caus- day by the Fuel Administration as the that came in from folks that ought to ing as little inconvenience as possible, reason for the critical straits in which reason for the critical straits in which know whether he will be able to warm his body from to-day of

Nothing to worry about We delivered a good deal of coal in New York to-day. Can't say how much, but there will be more te-morrow. Situation will improve this week. The railroads are hustling. I have put a

flea in their ear. Special efforts are being made to get plenty of coal. ALBERT H WIGGIN. Federal Fuel Administrator. Cheer up! I will have at least 28 .-

000 tons of good coal on this side of the North River to-morrow for your use. There are 75,000 tons in cars at tidewater. Your hospitals and schools and hotels and apartment houses and homes are in pretty fair shape, and there were only a few kicks made today. Really, the worst is over unless another blizzard hits us or something else happens. france Scienter. County Administrator.

"I hope these fellows know what they are talking about, the old gentleman mused, "but it does seem as if they are mused, "but it does seem as if they are pretty casual in their judgments. They've been telling me that a slight delay in diverging coal shipments from West to East was responsible for my shivers, but one wonders why these delays are necessary. Here's a message with a ring in it:

"We are working day and night to relieve the situation. Extra crews hustled Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night to get coal to tidewater and into barges. I promise that we will seliver 12,000 tans to-morrow and we expect to keep up a steady flow.

will active 12.000 tolls to-morrow and we expect to keep up a steady flow. Other coal carrying railloads are hustling too. Plenty of coal is avail-able. Your pinch was caused by shortage of labor and by the blizzard, which froze coal in cars and barges. People got a little panicky, but there is no real reason for panic. The situation is sure to tungraye title need.

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"F. F. Lecuis,
"President of the Lebish Valley

Conditions Are Improving. "That fellow sounds as if he knew what he was talking about, said Pa Knickerbecker, "So does Michael F.

Knickerbocker. "So does Michael F. Burns. Hear Mike:

"It's bad but getting better every hour. We broke a record to-day when Burns Bros delivered all day Sunday and pretty nearly cleaned out our elevators, but we've got a lot of coal coming along for to-morrow and we feel that the worst is over for this time. The trouble was that the bliszard came along just after the Fuel Administration began to divert a coal supply to New York and the East. Things were going nicely before the storm hit the railroads and terminals, and we are assured that things will go well from now on unless another blizzard lands upon us. The railroads tell us that plenty of coal will be loaded into barges for to-morrow and subsequent days. M. F. Burns.

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"But what I want to knew? resumed Fa. Knickerbocker, "is why the Fuel Administration has found that the railroads, because of the complexity of their organizations, have not been clastic enough in administration to unitangle the concessed traffic terminals.

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